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MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jim Shockley, on February 14, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ron Arthun, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jim Shockley, Chairman (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 291, 2/11/2011; SB 307, 2/11/2011; SB 311, 2/11/2011

Executive Action: SB 307, Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 311

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:39 Sen. Steven Gallus (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 311, Clarify laws relating to term limits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:46 Bob Story, former legislator

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:51 Sen. Balyeat
00:09:18 Sen. Gallus
00:09:56 Sen. Balyeat
00:10:08 Sen. Gallus
00:10:44 Sen. Balyeat
00:11:21 Bob Story

Closing by Sponsor:

00:12:22 Sen. Gallus

HEARING ON SB 307

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:20 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 307, Have leg. interim committees allow public comment on privatizing state programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:15:40 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association
00:20:09 Bonnie Lorang, Montana Independent Telecommunication Systems (MITS)
00:21:29 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:22:52 Tori Hunthausen, Legislative Audit Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:48 Sen. Tutvedt

HEARING ON SB 291

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:25:45 Sen. Ryan Zinke (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 291, Disclosure of state publications and media expenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:28:49 John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association

00:30:53 Chairman Shockley entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:31:06 Sheryl Olson, Department of Administration (DOA)

00:33:30 Denise King, Montana Historical Society

00:34:57 Jeri Duran, Montana Lottery

00:37:50 Doug Steele, Montana State University (MSU)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:38:20 Sen. Jones

00:38:59 Sen. Zinke

00:40:19 Sen. Balyeat

00:43:34 Sen. Zinke

00:44:17 Sen. Jones

00:45:32 Sen. Zinke

00:47:00 Sen. Mowbrey

00:48:04 Sen. Zinke

00:49:53 Sen. Blewett

00:58:56 Sen. Zinke

01:00:58 Sen. Arthun

01:03:35 Sen. Zinke

01:04:34 Sen. Jones

01:08:31 Sen. Zinke

01:08:48 Sen. Jones

01:08:56 Chairman Shockley

01:11:47 Sen. Zinke

01:11:54 Chairman Shockley
01:11:58 Sen. Blewett
01:12:29 Sen. Zinke
01:13:07 Chairman Shockley

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:23 Sen. Zinke

Further Discussion:

01:13:40 Sen. Blewett
01:14:21 Chairman Shockley

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 307

01:17:17 **Motion:** Sen. Jones moved that **SB 307 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:17:26 Sen. Windy Boy
01:17:40 Chairman Shockley
01:18:10 Sen. Mowbrey

01:19:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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